

Community Appearance Commission

Minutes

November 2, 2005

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, in the Council Chamber, 217 South Main Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. The following members were present and absent:

Present: Cindee Bridges, Greta Connor, Judy Kandl, Barbara Lawther, Michael Lippard,

Chad Morgan, Barbara Perry, Sara Robinson, Bill Safrit, and Johnny Safrit

Absent: Suzette Davis

Staff: Lynn Raker and Diana Moghrabi

Barbara Perry, Chair, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the October 5 meeting were approved.

Members approved the financial statement. The balance of the annual appropriation account is \$672.41 and the balance of the revenue account is \$795.97. The CAC received a \$50 donation from Mark Alan Lyerly in appreciation of the city's "Welcome to Salisbury" sign improvement on the north end of Salisbury.

Barbara Perry commended the committees for all the diligence they have put forth in their work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art in Public Places

- *HAT (History and Art Trail)*. The selection panel will meet November 3 from 3-7 p.m. This is about the large art installation at the Gateway Bridge. The letters of interest and resumes received are of high quality.
- The chair thanked Lynn Raker for the planning and execution of the Depot Street Mosaic dedication. The dedication was successful and well attended. Donations continue to be accepted.
- Judy Kandl agreed to represent the CAC on the HAT committee that meets at the Plaza the second Thursday of the month at 8 a.m.

Neighborhoods & Education Committee

- 1. The committee met October 26: the CAC received a written report on that meeting. Greta Connor reviewed the following items for the November 17 Neighborhood Leaders Meeting agenda:
 - Welcome: Greta Connor
 - Update on front yard parking issue (Lynn Raker)
 - Update on neighborhood entrance signs (Jersey City)
 - Mark Lewis (find out what he wants to discuss and how long he needs.)
 - North Main Small Area Plan (Janet Gapen)
 - Maggie Blackwell: report on Fulton Heights activities
 - Landlord & rental maintenance issue
 - Invite Mark Wilhelm or designee; David Phillips; Jeff Youngblood; Pete Kennedy

Neighbors of the West End (Livingstone College area) have reported a problem with people sitting in the street. Fanny Butler will be contacted to address their neighborhood's issues.

Greta Connor pondered why it takes the City of Salisbury so long to accomplish its goals. It is taking a very long time for Jersey City to see improvements. The entrance sign promised to Jersey City could stimulate some hope for change. This installation of the sign is to take place with the reconfiguring of the intersection.

Greta also requested Esther Marioneaux be allowed to speak at the meeting on the subject of Neighborhood Watch.

Landscaping

- Yard of the Month. Barbara Lawther reported that the commercial Landscape of the Month winner for November is First Bank, 1503 Old Concord Road. Nancy and John Holshouser received the residential award. Their home is at the corner of Dogwood and Mocksville Avenue. This award is over until spring.
- Chad Morgan is taking the lead on the decoration of the Innes Street Gateway Bridge.
- Johnny Safrit and Lynn Raker have picked out the trees that will be placed in the planters in downtown with the help of Mark Martin. There is a plan to use these in the neighborhood tree-planting program after the holidays. These hollies could be an effective screen over the years and may be paid for out of that program. Lynn will get Tree Board approval.

- Lynn is communicating with Downtown Salisbury, Inc. to get an announcement in their newsletter that will promote holiday storefront decorating. CAC will issue a certificate to winners of the Best Historic Display, Best Display for Children, Best Overall Holiday Display. The Municipal Service District will define the boundaries. The Landscape Committee will judge the displays. The judging will take place the week after Thanksgiving.
- **Next Meeting** of the CAC Landscape Committee is November 29 at noon.

Municipal Service District (MSD) and Innes Street Improvement Grants (ISG)

MSD Grants

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. DATE	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
Hap's Grill	116 1/2 N. Main St.	5/31/2005	2,100	1,050	1,050
Gregg Culp					
Stitchin' Post Gifts	104 S. Main St.	7/1/2005	8,600	2,500	2,500
Pam Hylton Coffield					
Spenzanelli's Coffee House	329 N. Main St.	7/25/2005	1,795	897	897
Kay H. Earnhardt					
Former Beggar's Bazaar	102 S. Main St.	8/15/2005	14,000	2,500	897
Downtown Salisbury, Inc.					
Oak Grove/ Freedman's Cem.	200 block W. Liberty	8/12/2005	224,566	N/A	5,000
City of Salisbury					
120-122 E. Innes St.	120-122 E. Innes St.	8/21/2005	55,750	N/A	2,850
Former Flowers Bakery					
OK Wigs	100 S. Main St.	9/27/2005	7,600	3,800	4,200
Kap J. Yang					
Cartucci's Restaurant	105 E. Fisher St.		750	375	500
Watkins Agency, Inc.					
Historic Firehouse	117 S. Lee St.	9/29/2005	44,850	N/A	0
John Gray					
NSSA Building	322 E. Innes St.	10/5/2005	81,709	N/A	2,000
Community Bank of Rowan					
107-113 E. Innes St.	107-113 E. Innes St.	10/26/2005	3,130	1,565	1,565
Michael & Diane Young					

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Total Project Amounts	\$	442,750
Appropriation 7/01/05		22,000
Requested funds		
Awarded funds (pending approval)		21,459
Funds Remaining		541
New Requested funds		
remainin	ng \$	541

Innes Street Grants

APPLICANT	ADDRESS	APP. DATE	PROJECT AMT.	ELIGIBLE	GRANT AMT.
Former Beggar's Bazaar	102 S. Main St.	8/15/2005	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000
Downtown Salisbury, Inc.					
Oak Grove/ Freedman's Cem.	200 block W. Liberty	8/12/2005	\$ 224,566	N/A	\$ 5,000
City of Salisbury					
120-122 E. Innes St.	120-122 E. Innes St.	8/21/2005	\$ 55,750	N/A	\$ 5,000
Former Flowers Bakery					
Historic Firehouse	117 S. Lee St.	9/29/2005	\$ 44,850	N/A	\$ 5,000
John Gray					
NSSA Building	322 E. Innes St.	10/5/2005	\$ 81,709	N/A	\$ 5,000
Community Bank of Rowan					
107-113 E. Innes St.	107-113 E. Innes St.	10/26/2005	\$ 3,130	\$ 1,565	\$ -
Michael & Diane Young					

Total Project Amounts		\$ 424,005
Appropriation 7/01/05		\$ 25,000
Requested funds		
Awarded funds (pending approval)		\$ 25,000
Funds Remaining		\$ -
New Requested funds		
	remaining	\$ -

CAC/ Tree Board Awards

* Tree Board will request volunteers to serve on committee at their next meeting November 16.

The CAC/ Tree Board Awards Committee met and made the following recommendations for the 2006 Awards Program:

THEME: 25 Anniversary of Façade Grant program

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2006 **TIME:** 12:00 - 1:30 PM - Luncheon

LOCATION: Heritage Room

118 East Council St.

Lynn Raker is going to contact potential judges and a keynote speaker. The committee will meet again November 15 at noon.

OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the CAC, Michael Lippard has agreed to assist Historic Salisbury Foundation in regard to the Fisher Street buildings that the First Methodist Church wishes to demolish. He hopes to offer the church some alternatives to demolition.

The December 7 meeting will include a short meeting and Christmas celebration at Chad Morgan's house at 4 p.m. Everyone will bring something for refreshment.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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